



State Water Resources Control Board



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Dear Interested Party:

DEVELOPMENT OF A DRAFT POLICY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STORM WATER PROGRAM

The Storm Water Section staff in the Division of Water Quality is seeking your input for the development of a statewide Policy for the Implementation of the Storm Water Program (Policy). The Policy will provide guidance that will be used by the staffs at the State Water Resources Control Board and the Regional Water Quality Control Boards in the implementation of the storm water program, including, but not limited to, the development of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) storm water permits, evaluation of permit compliance, and assessment of effectiveness of management plans. This Policy will be adopted pursuant to the requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act.

You are invited to any of the following public meetings (listening sessions) to discuss with our staff the issues needed to be addressed by this Policy:

Wednesday, January 12, 2005
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
South Coast Air Quality Management District
21865 Copley Drive, Diamond Bar

Tuesday, January 18, 2005
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Joe Serna Jr./Cal/EPA Building
Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor
1001 I Street, Sacramento

Friday, January 21, 2005
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elihu M. Harris Building – Second Floor, Room 1
1515 Clay Street, Oakland

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As a starting point for these listening sessions, staff has identified the enclosed list of issues that may be included in the Policy. Staff welcomes your input on these topics, other issues that could also be addressed by this Policy, and the appropriate approach for addressing all issues. If you wish to provide our staff with written comments/materials prior to the listening sessions, please email them to Jennifer Mu at jmu@waterboards.ca.gov and Thomas Filler at tfiller@waterboards.ca.gov by **January 6, 2005**.

If you have any questions regarding these listening sessions, please feel free to contact Bruce Fujimoto, Chief of the Storm Water Section, at (916) 341-5523.

Sincerely,



Stan Martinson, Chief
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Enclosure

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE LISTENING SESSIONS

Cross-program issues:

- Relationship of the storm water program to other water quality programs such as Total Maximum Daily Loads, 401 Certification, or groundwater protection requirements.

Monitoring issues:

- Chemical, biological, hydrological, and/or physical monitoring.
- Use of monitoring to determine compliance with permit requirements.
- Use of benchmarks/trends in pollution loading to assess permittees' programs.

Compliance issues:

- Methods/standards to be used by Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Boards) to assess compliance.
- Definition of maximum extent practicable, best available technology, and best conventional technology.
- Necessary time to allow a permittee to put in place and implement a program.
- Necessary time to allow a program to show results.
- Development of load reductions to be used as a means of determining permit compliance.

Standards issues:

- Use of quantitative parameters (chemical or toxicity) to measure compliance.
- Application of Water Quality Standards to storm water in wet weather conditions.

Permitting issues:

- Consistency among the Regional Boards.
- Cross-boundary problems (where a permittee's boundary crosses the boundary of two or more Regional Boards).
- Consistency between Phase I and Phase II requirements.